की बैठकों, क्षेत्र अधिकारियों के राज्य/जिलों के दौरों के माध्यम से तथा मुख्य मंत्रियों/मुख्य सचिवों को पत्र लिखकर सरकार लगातार कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन की निगरानी करती रही है। इसके अतिरिक्त राज्य सरकारों से यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अनुरोध किया गया है कि:

(1) आवेदन पत्र क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं में व्यापक रूप से उपलब्ध हों।

(2) आवेदनों का सत्यापन शीघ्र हो।

(3) योजना के तहत स्वीकृति में शीघ्रता की जाए।

(4) वितरण में विलम्ब न हो।

(5) निर्धारित प्रक्रिया को सरल बनाया जाए और

(6) जहां तक संभव हो स्वीकृति प्रदान करने वाले अधिकारी लाभार्थियों के निकट सम्पर्क में रहे।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Shortage of Pilots in IAF

734. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of pilots in the Indian Air Force with majority of vacancies in the combat wing; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to tackle the situation and ensure that there is no adverse effect on the combat preparedness of the IAF during any conflict?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts in the form of sustained publicity ..l recruitment drive are on to attract talented ..uth to join the IAF. Steady improved intakes ..nd increased strength are expected to effectively tackle any adverse effect.

Impact of Nuclear Tests

735. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the ..nister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the ..mpact of Nuclear Tests held recently on the defence preparedness of the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): The underground nuclear tests carried out by India on May 11 and 13, 1998 will enhance India's defence preparedness by helping to create an effective deterrent against the use or threat of use of weapons of mass destruction against India.

चीन और पाकिस्तान के कब्जे में भारतीय भू-भाग

736. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय भारत का कितना भू-भाग चीन और पाकिस्तान के कब्जे में है;

(ख) क्या चीन और पाकिस्तान ने उन भू-भागों पर सड़क निर्माण का कार्य आरम्भ कर दिया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इन भू-भागों को वापस लेने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

रक्षा मंत्री(श्री जॉर्ज फर्नान्डीज़): (क) जम्मू और कश्मीर में भारत का 38,000 वर्ग कि०मी० भू-भाग चीन के कब्जे में है। जम्मू और कश्मीर में भारतीय भू-भाग का 78,114 वर्ग कि०मी० क्षेत्र गैर-कानूनी रूप से पाकिस्तान के कब्जे में है। इसके अतिरिक्त पाकिस्तान ने भारतीय भू-भाग का 5180 वर्ग कि०मी० क्षेत्र गैर-कानूनी रूप से चीन को सौंप दिया है।

(ख) अक्साई चिन में पश्चिमी राजमार्ग (लद्दाख से मुख्य चीन को जोड़ने वाला और कारोकोरम राजमार्ग (खंजेरब पास से होते हुए पश्चिमी तिब्बत को पाकिस्तान अधिकृत कश्मीर से जोड़ने वाला) बनवाया गया है।

(ग) इस मामले को सुलझाने के लिए दोनों देशों से द्विपक्षीय बातचीत जारी है।

Health care for Ordnance workers

737. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proper health care is not taken of the Ordnance workers, working in Bullet and Electroplating divisions;

(b) whether it is a fact that a demand long due for Change Room and Eating Room has not been fulfilled at Khadki Ammunition Factory;

(c) whether it is a fact that periodical medical check-up is not conducted resulting in high percentage of absentees; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that competent medical officers are not employed at Occupational Health Centres; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Due health care is extended to workers engaged in hazardous processes in Bullet and Electroplating divisions of ordnance factories. They are periodically medically examined. They are given milk and sugar under a scheme of preventive health care. There are 49 shelter and rest rooms at Ammunition Factory, Khadki for lunch and rest besides a full fledged Industrial Canteen. Absenteeism is not due to lack of medical care and has declined in the Ammunition Factory, Kirkee from 17.66% in 1996-97 to 15.78% so far during the current year. Factory Health Clinics are attached to all the Ordnance Factories and function as Occupational Health Centres. Medical Officers of Indian Ordnance Factories Health Service Cadre are employed in these clinics.

Additional fleet for IAF

738. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India, Mumbai, dated the 28th April, 1998 under the caption 'Half of IAF's fleet becoming obsolete';

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force will require augmenting additional modern aircraft to balance the scrapped obsolete aircraft; and

(c) the required addional fleet of Indian Air Force to meet the Pakistani threat in view of Pakistan developing new squadrons?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Variants of MIG-21 aircraft which constitute almost 50% of the IAF fleet are at the tail end of spectrum or already obsolescent. Action as considered necessary for replacement of the ageing fleet is being taken. It is however not considered desirable to disclose any further details in this regard.

Unauthorised use of army land

739. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state?

(a) whether the growing instances of unathorised use of army land for commercial purposes have been brought to Government's notice during the past five years, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government have approved proposals for lease of defence land not of immediate use for the defence purposes to NGOs during past five years; and

(d) the details of similar proposals pending with Government and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of instances of unauthorised use of Army land for commercial purposes including the cases noticed in Maharashtra are indicated in the statement attached. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Out of 41 proposals for lease as on 31.8.1997, 12 leases have been accorded and 29 proposals are pending.

Statement

State-wise details of instances of unauthorized use of Army land for commercial purposes including the cases noticed in Maharashtra

(a)

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of cases as brought to the notice of the Govt.
1.	Delhi	10 (Ten)
2.	Himachal Pradesh	1 (One)
3.	Punjab	2 (Two)
4.	Andhra Pradesh	1 (One)